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SUBJECT: Comments on the Discussion Draft "Proposals to Increase the Availability of Approved Animal Drugs for Minor Species and Minor Use" (Docket No. 97N-0217)

We would like to thank the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) for their efforts to improve our chances of gaining approvals for aquaculture drugs. As a part of these efforts the CVM released the aforementioned Discussion Draft. We feel all of it's provisions for action should be pursued as soon as possible. We feel there is a tremendous need to amend the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act where suggested by the CVM to reduce the effort needed to gain approvals for drugs we could use on trout. Removing disincentives and offering incentives to pharmaceutical firms will encourage more sponsors of minor use supplemental new animal drug applications. This would prove a great benefit for the trout industry.

We endorse all of the proposals by the CVM to increase the availability of drugs for use in aquaculture.

Sincerely,

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